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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Ezra Cilley, 2d, treasurer of the town of Newbury, charges himself as follows:

1878.		
March 16,	received of Benjamin R. Morse, late town treasurer, . . .	$19 24
April 8,	to cash hired of William H. Sawyer, ...	100 00
May 11,	to cash hired of Charles A. Bartlett, ...	100 00
May 23,	to cash hired of Simeon S. Dodge, ...	50 00
Aug. 3,	to cash hired of Mary T. Farmer, ...	100 00
17,	to cash hired of Carlos F. Bartlett, ...	100 00
Sept. 2,	to cash hired of John Folsom,	200 00
Oct. 26,	received of James M. Blodgett for old bridge plank, . .	30
Nov. 23,	received of Solon A. Carter, Savings Bank tax, . . .	540 18
Nov. 23,	received of Solon A. Carter, Literary Fund for 1878, . .	56 24
1879.		
Feb. 1,	received of Jason A. Perkins for one pair boots, ...	1 00

Feb. 21, received of county of Merrimack for support of paupers, .	344 20	
Feb. 28, received of William W. Muzzey for use of town hall, . .	1 50	
March 1, received of George P. Bailey, collector on tax list of 1875,	6 42	
March 1, received of George P. Bailey, collector, interest on tax of 1875, ...	3 87	
March 1, received of Virgil C. Brockway, collector on tax list of 1878,	2214 21	
		$3837 16

The Treasurer of the town of Newbury credits himself as follows, viz:

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES FOR 1878.

Paid Solon A. Carter, State Treasurer, .	$600 00	
John E. Robertson, County Treasurer, ...	751 00	
		$1351 00

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

1878.

March 16, Paid Campbell & Hanscom printing reports, . . .	28 75
March 16, Paid Benjamin R. Morse postage and express on reports,	62
April 12, Paid B. W. Sanborn & Co. for books and stationery, . .	18 26
April 17, Paid one-half cost in suit of Bates and Newbury, . .	12 50

Aug.	2, Paid John Y. Mugridge for council and term fees, . .	$69 00	
Oct.	31, Paid John Pressey for surveying town lines, ...	9 75	
1879.			
Jan.	2, Paid Sargent & Chase term fees in Craig case, . . .	72 00	
Feb.	19, Paid Ezra Cilley 2d, for car fare, express, postage, &c., . .	15 55	
Feb.	24, Paid Dr. J. H. Martin for 11 certificates of births and deaths, ...	2 75	
Feb.	28, Paid Benjamin C. Davis for damage to an ox, . .	12 00	
Feb.	28, Paid Charles L. Fowler for books furnished scholars, .	4 60	
March	1, Paid Warren C. Gove for lamb killed by dog, . . .	2 50	
			$248 28

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

1878.		
Aug.	1, Paid Ervin Nelson for work on highways, ...	$2 00
Aug.	17, Paid Daniel G. Peaslee for bridge plank, ...	16 15
Dec.	7, Paid Joshua H. Blodgett for work on highway, . .	17 27
	14, Paid Moses K. Felch for work on highway, ...	3 87
	14, Paid James M. Blodgett for work on highway, . . .	1 56
	14, Paid George G. Farmer for work on highway, . . .	2 50

Dec.	16, Paid S. C. Holt & Son for bridge plank and work, . . .	$18 95
	17, Paid Hiram B. Cheney for work on highway, . . .	11 35
	23, Paid Walter F. Colburn for work on highway, . . .	1 80
	23, Paid Milton H. Clark for work on highway, . . .	16 65
	24, Paid Laurel G. Peasley for work on highway, . . .	4 65
	30, Paid Nathaniel C. Lear for work on highway, . . .	1 80
1879.		
Jan.	9, Paid Nathaniel C. Savory for work on highway, . .	4 38
	20, Paid Corbin Bartlett, . .	10 00
	23, Paid Geo. O. Rowe, . .	1 80
	27, Paid George M. Morse, . .	84
Feb.	1, Paid Nathan P. Blodgett, bridge plank and work, . . .	9 09
	1, Paid William W. Muzzey for work on highways, . .	2 23
	1, Paid John F. Jones for work on highways, ...	3 70
	19, Paid Edward C. Messer for work on highways, . .	1 00
	19, Paid Daniel W. H. Ring for work on highways, . .	4 58
	19, Paid Ezra Cilley, 2d, for work on highways, . . .	12 83
	22, Paid William Ayer for work on highways, ...	1 50
	22, Paid Page Blake for work on highways, ...	60
	22, Paid Frank P. Kidder for work on highways, . . .	1 60

Feb.	28, Paid Orrin F. Muzzey for work on highways, ...	$1 11	
	28, Paid Thomas J. Leach for bridge plank, ...	2 52	
	28, Paid Warren C. Gove for work on highways, ...	9 59	
	28, Paid Samuel K. Pike for work on highways, ...	1 00	
	Paid Jeremiah D. Perkins for plank work, &c. on highways	8 26	
	Paid Emri Rowe for work on highways, ...	13 00	
March	1, Paid Silas W. Dana for plank and work, ...	2 67	
			$190 85

TRAMP BILLS.

1878.			
April	26, Paid Milton H. Clark for keeping tramps, ...	$2 00	
June	29, Paid Samuel K. Pike for keeping tramps, ...	15 61	
			$17 61

TOWN PAUPER BILLS.

1878.			
April	25, Paid Dan H. Patterson for repairing boots for W. Bagley, .	25	
July	15, Paid Page W. Cofrin for pants and shoes for W. Bagley, .	1 40	
1879.			
Feb.	1, Paid Jason A. Perkins for board of W. Bagley, ...	175 00	

Feb.	3, Paid Dr. J. H. Martin for medical assistance to W. Bagley,	$19 25	
	28, Paid Jacob C. Bailey for casket and shroud for W. Bagley, .	15 50	
	28, Paid C. R. Nichols for attending funeral of W. Bagley, .	2 00	
March	1, Paid George O. Gillingham for digging and filling grave of W. Bagley, . . .	3 00	
			$216 40

COUNTY PAUPER BILLS.

1878.			
Dec.	14, Paid Page W. Cofrin for goods furnished James Hoague, .	$5 63	
	14, Paid Page W. Cofrin for goods furnished John Fortune, .	7 56	
	14, Paid Page W. Cofrin for goods furnished Charles Homell, .	46	
	18, Paid Milton H. Clark, assistance rendered John Fortune, .	5 60	
	18, Paid Mary T. Farmer, assistance rendered John Fortune, .	5 35	
	18, Paid Mary T. Farmer, assistance rendered Charles Homell, .	3 00	
	27, Paid John H. Farmer, assistance rendered John Fortune, .	3 00	
1879.			
Jan.	9, Paid Anna E. Hoague for work at John Fortune's, . .	8 50	
	18, Paid Chas. Campbell for boarding Andrew Depee, . .	2 00	
	25, Paid Auren M. Lewis, assistance rendered Joshua Weeks, .	24 00	

Feb.	1, Paid Betsey A. Dodge for board of Mary Dudley, . .	$78 00	
	1, Paid Leander W. Blodgett for goods furnished Charles Homell, ...	4 29	
	1, Paid Leander W. Blodgett for goods furnished John Fortune, ...	7 10	
	1, Paid Leander W. Blodgett for goods furnished Jas. Hoague,	7 13	
	3, Paid Ezra Cilley, 2d, expenses in getting Andrew Depee to County Farm, . . .	4 90	
	3, Paid Jacob C. Bailey, two coffins for Fortune children, . .	12 00	
	21, Paid Dr. C. F. Leslie for services at John Fortune's, . .	141 68	
	21, Paid Dr. S. N. Welch for services at Hoague and Fortune's, ...	22 00	
	21, Paid J. D. Waldrin, services at Lucy Fortune's funeral, .	2 00	
			$344 20

FOXES AND HEN HAWKS.

Paid bounty on 13 foxes, ...	$6 50	
bounty on 33 hen hawks, ...	6 60	
		$13 10

PARSONAGE MONEY.

Paid Jeremiah Morse, Christian Society money, ...	$5 74	
Jeremiah Morse, Freewill Baptist Society money, ...	8 88	
Ezra Cilley, 2d, Universalist Society money, ...	13 25	
Jonathan Rowe, Methodist Society money, ...	9 07	
		$36 94

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Paid Moses C. Collins, school money for District No. 1, ...	$44 49
Tharon Gillingham, school money for District No. 2, ...	58 59
Enos S. Woodard, school money for District No. 3, ...	56 21
Eliza O. Perkins, school money for District No. 4, ...	60 53
Benjamin R. Morse, school money for District No. 5, ...	149 38
Wellington E. Flanders, school money for District No. 6, ...	56 31
Edmund P. Dodge, school money for District No. 7, ...	51 88
Benjamin Chandler, school money for District No. 8, ...	64 93
Jeremiah D. Perkins, school money for District No. 9, ...	57 43
James Craig, school money for District No. 10, ...	38 20
Willam S. Hart, school money for District No. 11, ...	40 67

Paid Harris F. B. Russell, school money for District No. 13, ...	$22 81	
John E. French, Union District No. 1, in Bradford, ...	9 02	
		$710 45

NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

1879.		
Feb. 25, Paid Charles A. Bartlett, . . .	$103 95	
25, Paid Carlos F. Bartlett, . . .	102 61	
		$206 56

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Paid Samuel K Pike, Constable, . .	$8 54	
Virgil C. Brockway, Collector, .	21 64	
Charles L. Fowler, S. S. Committee, .	33 00	
Ezra Cilley, 2d, 1st Selectman, . .	66 25	
William Ayer, 2d " . .	34 88	
Milton H. Clark, 3d " .	33 72	
Sprague A. Morse, Town Clerk, .	26 33	
Ezra Cilley, 2d, Town Treasurer, .	10 00	
Auditors' bills, ...	3 75	
		$238 11

Amount received in Treasurer's hands up to March 1st, 1879, ...	3837 16	
Amount paid out by Treasurer up to Mar. 1st, 1879. , ...	3573 50	
Amount in hands of Treasurer,		$263 66

EZRA CILLEY, 2D.,
Town Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of Newbury charge themselves as follows:

1878.			
March 16,	To cash in hands of Town Treas.	$19 24	
16,	To taxes uncollected in hands of Geo. P. Bailey, . .	12 66	
April 25,	To taxes committed to Virgil C. Brockway, for 1878, .	2638 00	
	To cash hired during the year, .	650 00	
	To cash received of J. M. Blodgett,	30	
	To cash received of State Treasurer,	596 42	
	To cash received of J. A. Perkins,	1 00	
	To cash received of county of Merrimack, ...	344 20	
	To cash received of W. W. Muzzey,	1 50	
	To interest received on tax list of 1875, ...	3 87	
			$4267 19

The Selectmen credit themselves as follows:

To orders given on Town Treasurer, .	3573 50	
Non-resident highway paid in labor, .	91 02	
Abated taxes on tax list of 1878, . .	13 44	
Abated taxes on tax list of 1875, . .	6 24	
Amount of taxes uncollected on tax list of 1878, ...	319 33	
Amount in Treasurer's hands, . . .	263 66	
		$4267 19

Town debts and liabilities, as near as can be calculated, up to March 1st, 1879.

Due on Thomas J. Leach note, . .	52 50	
Due on William H. Sawyer note, . .	104 42	
Due on Simeon S. Dodge note, . .	51 92	
Due on Mary T. Farmer note, . . .	102 92	
Due on John Folsom note, ...	205 00	
Due on School Districts Literary Fund for 1878, ...	56 24	
Due on School Districts Dog taxes for 1878, ...	49 50	
Due on School District No. 4 school money, ...	87 92	
		710 42
Amount due the town.		
To cash in hands of Treasurer, . . .	263 66	
To taxes uncollected on tax list of 1878, .	319 33	
Estimated value of town's land, . .	15 00	
		597 99
Balance against the town, ...		$112 43

EZRA CILLEY, 2d,
WILLIAM AYER,
MILTON H. CLARK,
Selectmen of Newbury.

We, the undersigned, Auditors of the town of Newbury, have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and the books of the Selectmen for the past year, and find them in good order; have compared their vouchers, cast their figures and find them all correct.

BENJAMIN R. MORSE,
BENJAMIN F. GILLINGHAM,
GEORGE P. BAILEY,
Auditors.

Newbury, March 1, 1879.

REPORT OF

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The following report of the schools in town for the year ending March 11, 1879, is respectfully submitted. Report by district.

DISTRICT No. 1.—Moses C. Collins, Prudential Committee. Fall term commenced by Miss Lizzie L. Brown. Miss Brown is a faithful teacher, and very soon wins the esteem of her pupils. After four weeks she was called to another school, and Miss Alice V. Trow took her place for two weeks, when, on account of sickness, she too left the school. No doubt the progress was good, considering the brokenness of the term.

DISTRICT No. 2.—Tharron Gillingham, Prudential Committee. Summer term of six weeks, and fall term of seven weeks, taught by Miss Nellie L. Rowe. Miss Rowe labored in a quiet way and accomplished much good. The scholars seemed to have a desire to obey and do their best to learn. It seems that this school could be benefited by occasional visits from the parents, to the encouragement of both teacher and scholars.

DISTRICT No. 3.—Enos S. Woodward, Prudential Committee. Summer term of eight weeks, taught by Miss Clara L. Dodge. Having taught this school before the teacher commenced the work in earnest at once. Good progress was made. The scholars in first and second readers were especially forward, answering many questions in all the common school branches.

Winter term commenced on trial by Miss Hattie Page, who, through advice, went away the first week.

The winter term of eight weeks taught by George P. Fowler. This school at the close seemed to be in a very prosperous condition. The first class in arithmetic excel. I was well satisfied with the school, and, as far as can be learned, both parents and scholars speak of this as a very successful term.

District No. 4.—Mrs. Oliver Perkins, Prudential Committee. Summer term of twelve weeks taught by Miss Mira A. Perkins. This school was very small in numbers, also in stature. Under Miss Perkin's care they improved much in discipline and in knowledge.

District No. 5.—Benjamin R. Morse, Prudential Committee. Summer term of ten weeks, taught by Miss Alice V. Trow. This term, I think, has given conclusive proof to all that Miss Trow is an excellent teacher. Her stay in the school-room means work, and not simply to pass away the time.

Winter term of ten weeks taught by John McCrillis.

Mr. McCrillis is a young man of ability, but without previous experience in teaching. Am sorry to say he failed to win all the esteem from the pupils that was desired. The scholars claimed that the teacher made them sit straight and get their lessons without fail.

The register shows me that up to examination only one parent had visited school. After making three visits to this school and finding everything in complete order, I can but regret that the parents know so little about this school.

Second winter term of six weeks taught by R. Morris Dowling. This school has been keeping four weeks, and has two more weeks.

Can not now note the progress made, but can say that the number of scholars seem to be kept pretty good, and quiet seems to reign.

District No. 6.—Wellington Flanders, Prudential Committee. Summer term of twelve weeks and winter term of twelve

weeks, taught by Miss Mary J. Eaton. This closes Miss Eaton's fifth term in this district. It seems that she deserves and has the united support of scholars and parents. Too much cannot be said of her success in teaching.

District No. 7.—Edmund P. Dodge, Prudential Committee. Summer and fall terms of ten weeks each, taught by Miss Belle C. Shaw. This was her first attempt at teaching. She went to work in a modest, unassuming way, and the examination of first term was very good, showing to all that the term had been a success.

The second term there were complaints from some, but most of the reasons for finding fault were groundless. Can pronounce her capable of both managing and teaching in our common schools.

District No. 8.—Benjamin F. Chandler, Prudential Committee. Summer term of five weeks and fall term of eight weeks taught by Miss Carrie M. Montgomery. The summer term begun under very favorable circumstances. It had as many scholars as any school in town, and a teacher who seemed to be interested in the welfare of the school. But after five weeks it was brought to a close on account of sickness among the scholars.

The examination of second term was quite satisfactory. The progress in studies was good. If any improvement could have been suggested, it would be for a little more stringent discipline.

District No. 9.—Jeremiah D. Perkins, Prudential Committee. Summer term of six weeks, taught by Miss Lottie L. Twiss. This term had quite irregular attendance, and it seemed to lack animation. One of the scholars was neither absent nor tardy, and made good progress. Sickness in former part of the term perhaps decreased the interest.

Winter term of fifteen weeks taught by Miss Lillie M. Whitney. Miss Whitney is a very highly educated young lady, and at the commencement of the term I was impressed that this

would be a term of profit to all. Sickness prevented me from visiting the school at the close.

District No. 10.—James Craig, Prudential Committee. Fall term of fifteen weeks taught by Miss Mira A. Perkins. She has had little experience in teaching, but seems to be perfectly at home in the school-room. The success of this term can be attributed to nothing else than an earnest work on the part of both teacher and scholars.

District No. 11.—William S. Hart, Prudential Committee. Fall term of eight weeks, taught by Miss Alice V. Trow. This is the third year this school has been under Miss Trow's management, and it seems that now, as in the past, the district is united in her support. The scholars are well advanced, considering the amount of schooling.

District No. 13.—Harris F. Russell, Prudential Committee. Summer term of nine weeks taught by Miss Carrie H. Cooper. This being Miss Cooper's first term she lacked that great help, experience; but having a pleasant school, and laboring in a mild and earnest way, accomplished much good.

Winter term of eleven weeks taught by Miss Carrie A. Martin. The teacher and scholars having labored together several previous terms, commenced their work at once. The progress was rapid and real.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of scholars who were neither absent nor tardy during a term.

Dist. No. 1.—First Term, Minnie French.
Adah Dana.
Elmer Blodgett.
Harry Holt.
Sec. Term, Minnie E. French.
Susie E. Dana.
Adah B. Dana.
Rosa M. Blodgett.
Alice P. Haynes.
Emma A. Hart.
Carrie S. Fellows.
Elmer E. Blodgett.
Harry Holt.

Dist. No. 2.—First Term, Dura J. Rowe.
Annie L. Rowe.
Lydia L. Ring.
Sec. Term, Walter H. Ring.
Dura J. Rowe.
Annie L. Rowe.
Lydia L. Ring.
George Hamilton.

Dist. No. 3.—First Term, Minnie D. Bingham.
Nellie V. Bingham.
Ollie E. Woodward.
Willie E. Woodward.
Bertie G. Shaw.

Dist. No. 5.—First Term, Mary A. Bly.
Mary B. Cofrin.
Annie G. Morse.
Marion S. Morse.
Myra L. Jones.
Alice M. Jones.
Mary A. Perkins.

Sec. Term, George H. Jones.
Myra L. Jones.
Marion S. Morse.

Dist. No. 6.—First Term, Lula N. Eaton.
Gertrude L. Eaton.
Anna L. Gillingham.
George H. Chase.
George A. Abbott.

Sec. Term, Lula N. Eaton.
Gertrude L. Eaton.
Mabel N. Bailey.
Maurice Barnard.

Dist. No. 7.—First Term, George E. Brockway,
Mary L. Brockway.
Bertha L. Brockway.
Inez M. Dodge.

Sec. Term, George E. Brockway.
Mary L. Brockway.
Myron F. Fifield.
Inez M. Dodge.
Lenora C. Lewis.

Dist. No. 8.—First Term, Mabel S. Wright.
Lester E. Gove.

Sec. Term, Lura A. Gove.
Alice J. Gove.
Agnes H. Johnson.
Mabel Wright.
Gertie Wright.
Lester E. Gove.
Archie O. Gove.

Dist. No. 9.—First Term, Emma F. Nichols.

Sec. Term, Emma F. Nichols.

Dist. No. 10.—First Term, Cora A. Colburn.
Eva L. Gillingham.
Anna L. Gillingham.
Frank P. Craig.

Dist. No. 11.—First Term, Carrie S. Fellows.
Alice P. Haynes.
Emma A. Hart.
Serman Pike.
Dist. No. 13.—First Term, Minnie E. Rowe.
Albert A. Messer.

GENERAL REMARKS.

In reporting the schools by district I have tried to be brief as possible, but hope the words used will have due weight. It is with pleasure that I can congratulate the people of our town on having several excellent terms of school the past year. We cannot expect every teacher to reach that point of excellence attained by some. Advantages of much previous experience, of wider intellectual culture, of natural adaptation to teaching, aud the support of an appreciative district, are some of the rea sons for our best schools ; but if some of these points are wanting, if there is an honest and true endeavor made on the part of the teacher, I think it far better for every true citizen to render what aid and influence they can in favor of the school, than to look on with cold indifference, or perhaps open hostility. The cordial support of the district will often enable the teacher to triumph over every difficulty, while on the other hand, the opposition of the district will often thwart her utmost endeavors.

The Prudential Committees, I think, have almost invariably shown good judgment in selecting teachers the past year, for which they have my thanks.

Five schools have been under the same management as last year. Four teachers never taught before. It is, I think, a very good plan where we can, to have experienced teachers; but it would be far from my thoughts to refuse a person a chance to

try if their education was sufficient, and they possessed stability of character. It seems that this point should not be overlooked; that the teacher selected should have a character worthy the imitation of the scholars; then we have reason to hope that harmony, union and strength will reign.

Through all the schools there has been one prevailing motive with me to do what I could to help stimulate a deeper interest in that important subject, "The pursuit of knowledge," knowing that with enlargement of knowledge comes improvement of individual character and exaltation of social and national happiness.

Upon the education of the young rest the lasting principles of our country and its noble features, our free common schools.

In discharging my duties I have endeavored to be unswerved by any influence from bidding all a hearty welcome to equality in the fullest extent of the word.

In closing, I would express my sincere thanks for the generous support I have received.

CHARLES L. FOWLER,

Superintendent School Committee.

Newbury, N. H., February 28, 1879.

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